(b) what are the names, addresses of the companies, firms or individuals who have applied for such enlistment/supplies of Alcoholic drinks referred to above during the last one year as on date; and

(c) the names approved and rejected and grounds for such approval and rejections party-wise and item-wise and period of contact, supply terms and annual quantity allocated party-wise and item-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION AND SUPPLIES IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI) : (a) The general criteria followed is given in the enclosed statement (*See* below)

(b) and (c) During the last one year (contract for 1988), 150 suppliers applied to CSD for supply of different brands of rum, IMFL and beer and orders were placed on 76 suppliers for various items/brands. The requisite information in respect of Rum is given in Annex 'B' [*See* Appendix VXLIX, Annexure No. 73] and in respect of IMFL, Beer etc. is given in Annexes C-I [*See* Appendix CXLIX, Annexure No. 74] and C-II [*See* Appendix CXLIX, Annexure No. 75]

Statement

General criteria for enlistment of manufacturers for purchase of alcoholic drinks such as IMEL, Rum, Beer, etc.

(i) One [illegible] one distillery.

(ii) Preference to well known distilleries of national repute.

(iii) Encouragement is given to Co-operative Societies and Government concerns.

(iv) Priority is given to: (a) distilleries/brands from the various regions [illegible] already represented in the CSD range; and (b) distilleries as compared to bottling plants.

(v) Introduction of the products of only those distilleries which have had reasonably good sales in the civil market in the pending 3 years.

(vi) Only those distilleries which have been hygienically tested and found fit are considered.

Agreements on Space and Science and Technology

1367. SHRI VISHWA BANDHU GUPTA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India has signed a number of Technical agreements on Science and Technology particularly in Space with several countries;

(b) whether it is also a fact that recently an agreement has been signed with France and earlier an agreement was signed with U.S.S.R.;

(c) if so, what are the details thereof and steps taken for their implementation; and

(d) what is the relative position with regard to China in field?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) Yes, Sir. India has signed technical agreements on matters related to Space with several countries.

(b) No fresh agreement has been signed recently with France. Co-operation with the Fr[illegible] Agency is being pursued under [illegible]ent signed in 1972 which is renewed periodically.

Recently, the following two agreements have been signed with USSR on Space:—

(i) Agreement between the Government of the Republic of India and the Government of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics on long term co-operation in the exploration and used of outer space for peaceful purpose signed on November 20, 1988.

(ii) Agreement between Government of India and the Government of the

Union of Soviet Socialist Republics on Scientific and Technical cooperation in the field of meteorological and upper atmospheric research using space techniques signed on January 18, 1989.

(c) Under the agreements with USSR a contract for launching of IRS-IB Satellite with Soviet launch vehicle has recently been concluded. For the investigations of space meteorology, regular weekly launches of Soviet M-100 and Indian sounding rockets are being continued for atleast 3 more years. A major outcome of the Indo-French Collaboration is the completion of transfer of VIKING liquid engine technology to ISRO in return for ISRO supplying Pressure Transducers to France.

(d) No separate agreement has been signed with China exclusively for collaboration in Space.

Export of Aircraft by HAL

1368. SHRI SURENDRA SINGH THAKUR: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Hindustan Aeronautics Limited has a plan to export its aircraft;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have exported aircraft made by H.A.L. in 1987-88; and

(d) if so, the details of such exports?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION AND SUPPLIES IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Hindustan Aeronautics Limited is negotiating export proposals for trainer aircraft HPT-32 and HTT-34 and Light Transport Aircraft Dornier-228 with a few friedly countries.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Production of Electronic Equipment by Industrial Houses

1369. SHRIMATI KANAK MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the large industrial houses are being allowed to produce electronic equipment connected with defence; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION AND SUPPLIES IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI): (a) and (b) Defence related electronic equipments which are allowed for the Civil Sector in terms of Government's Industrial Policy, *viz.* electronic measuring instruments, systems/sub-systems required for communication equipments, computers/computer peripherals etc. are purchased based on competitive tenders. In such purchases, the nature of ownership of the company is not a factor in the selection of the source(s).

The names of some of the firms reported to be under the control of large industrial houses who have secured orders for electronic equipment connected with Defence are furnished below:—

1. UNITRON
2. Philips India Ltd.
3. English Electric Company
4. Tata Electric Company

Financial Assistance to Voluntary Organisations running Hospitals

1370. SHRI K. V. THANGKABALU: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to give financial assistance to voluntary organisations which are running hospitals for improvement thereof;

(b) whether Government have received requests from voluntary organisations for financial assistance under this scheme;